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# CHAIRMAN WAXMAN'S STATEMENT ON EPA RESPONSE TO CALIFORNIA WAIVER REQUEST

**WASHINGTON, DC** — Chairman Henry A. Waxman released the following statement today after reviewing EPA's response to his December 14, 2007, letter to EPA Administrator Johnson:

"EPA Administrator Johnson is apparently cutting the agency experts out of the decision whether to approve California's motor vehicle standards. In testimony before the Committee, Administrator Johnson promised his decision would be made on the merits. It's hard to see how this can happen if the career agency officials with the most experience and expertise are not the ones drafting EPA's decision documents."